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State Awards 8 New Schools for 4 School Districts

(PHOENIX, AZ – November 3, 2006) The Arizona School Facilities Board (SFB) approved eight new schools for four school districts at their monthly board meeting yesterday.

The schools were awarded as part of the FY07 Capital Plan Cycle, which will continue for the next several months. The cycle begins in early September when districts submit their requests for new construction. From that time on, SFB staff analyzes the requests taking into account factors such as current district capacity and projected growth.

Four new schools were approved in the Tucson area for the Marana Unified and Sunnyside Unified Districts. Marana received three schools including an elementary, middle, and high school. The elementary will hold 731 students and is expected to open in Fall 2008. The middle school for 1,250 students and the high school for 2,660 students are both planned to open in Fall 2009. Sunnyside's awarded K-5 school will hold 844 students and is scheduled for a Fall 2008 opening.

In the West Valley, Litchfield Elementary District received an elementary and a middle school. The K-5 for 900 students and 6-8 for 1,088 students are both expected to open in Fall 2008.

Fowler Elementary District, located in South Phoenix, also received an elementary for 844 students and a middle school for 1,088 students. The elementary is planned to open in Fall 2008 with the middle school opening the following year.

Today's awards total \$114,411,023, which also includes a revision to a previous approval for the Cartwright District. A list of projects approved in this cycle is attached.

These approvals will allow the districts to design their schools within the allocated budgets. Upon completion of design, the project will go before the Board again for approval to begin actual construction. More approvals are anticipated at December's Board Meeting to be held in the Creighton Elementary District.

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SFB Approved New Construction Projects
FY 2007 Capital Plan Cycle

Approval Date	District	Project	Grades	Student Capacity	Square Footage	Open FY	NC Funding
10/5/2006	Wickenburg Unified	School	K-8	914	73,920	2010	\$9,820,272
	Subtotal:			914	73,920		\$9,820,272
11/2/2006	Cartwright Elementary (1)	Revision	7-8	183	14,600	2010	\$2,020,932
11/2/2006	Fowler Elementary	School	K-5	844	67,500	2009	\$8,851,275
11/2/2006	Fowler Elementary	School	6-8	1,088	87,003	2010	\$11,831,538
11/2/2006	Litchfield Elementary	School	K-5	900	72,000	2009	\$9,441,360
11/2/2006	Litchfield Elementary	School	6-8	1,088	87,003	2009	\$11,831,538
11/2/2006	Marana Unified	School	K-6	731	58,500	2009	\$7,671,105
11/2/2006	Marana Unified	School	7-8	1,250	100,000	2010	\$13,842,000
11/2/2006	Marana Unified	School	9-12	2,660	250,000	2010	\$40,070,000
11/2/2006	Sunnyside Unified	School	K-5	844	67,500	2009	\$8,851,275
	Subtotal:			9,588	804,106		\$114,411,023
	Grand Total:			10,502	878,026		\$124,231,295

(1) Originally approved 5/9/02 as a core 7-8 school for 1,200 students, with classroom space for 600, revised 11/2/06 to a 7-8 school for 926 students, with capacity for 1,158. Students, square footage, and funding shown are additional amounts recommended for approval 11/2/06.